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[Despatch Abstract]

Establishment - Regr. ---
Department - Inspection & Registration
Offices - Permanent retention
Recommendation of the Retrenchment
& Reorganisation Committee

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

From

Sri Diwan Bahadur H.Krishnamurti,
Inspector-General of Registration,
M A D R A S.

To

Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort St.George,
M a d r a s.

No. 164-Genl. dated 3rd June 1948.

Sir,

Sub: Registration Department - Reorganisation - Recommendations of the Retrenchment and Reorgnization Committee.

Ref: Memorandum No. 30002 J/48-1, Revenue, dated 26-5-1948.

The recommendations of the Retrenchment and Re-organisation Committee are:

(1) Amalgamation of the Registration districts of Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor and Cuddapah into two districts; and

(2) Permanent retention of the post of the Inspector of Registration offices.

2. I entirely agree with the Committee in its Observation regarding the need for the permanent retention of the post of the Inspector of Registration offices and I request that the Committee's recommendation may be given effect to.

3. As regards the amalgamation of the four registration districts of Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor and Cuddapah into two districts, it is seen from the Committee's recommendations that the suggestion is based on the presumption that there is not much work for a District Registrar in each of these districts. This observation which, perhaps, has proceeded from the paucity in the number of sub-offices in these districts is not wholly correct. Comparing with the quantum of administrative work in districts like Guntur, North Arcot, Madura, Ramnad and Tellicherry where work is too abnormal to be taken as a fair standard, the work in the ceded districts might not be so much, but it cannot be said that, taking into consideration the work in normal district like Nellore, Erode and South Kanara there is not enough work for a District Registrar in each of the ceded districts. The administrative work in a registration district cannot be correctly measured by the number of sub-registry offices alone. The number of transactions, viz., the annual registrations in each district, will serve as a more effect standard of measurement of the administrative work and, added there to, a study into the area of operation of each district, the geographical conditions peculiar to it, the number of villages that constitute a district and the poor facilities for proper and convenient transport will largely contribute in arrving at a better idea and understanding of the administrative work of a District Registrar. From the statement annexed thereto (Annexure A) it will be seen that each of these four districts is no less extensive in area than several other districts and that the annual registrations in the distrcits of Anantapur, Bellary and Cuddapah are more or less the same as in Nellore and South Kanara, while Chittoor ranks with Erode in the number of registrations though, in fact, the number of sub-offices in each of the ceded districts is less

than the number in any of the above districts. Apart from the volume of work, the utility in having a Registrar for each district should also be taken into consideration for deciding the necessity for or against amalgamation. These districts are lacking in facilities for the convenience of the public and even now the registering public are put to unnecessary inconvenience and expenditure in reaching the headquarters of the District Registrar. Should, as a result of the proposed amalgamation, the headquarters be shifted to a far distant place, as it would inevitably be, the parties will be put to much more inconvenience and expenditure when they have to go to a Registrar in connection with appeals and enquiries under section 72 to 74 of the Indian Registration Act deposit and withdrawal of sealed covers containing wills, registration of documents under section 30, adjudication of documents and registration of Companies. The registering public will surely resent the idea of an amalgamation. To avoid reiteration, I invite reference to para.6 of my report annexed to my letter No.D.O. 164-General, dated 20-4-1948, to the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee (extract enclosed - Annexure B) wherein I explained in detail why these districts should not be amalgamated.

4. The amalgamation of these districts which are indeed called backward districts, will not only result in an administration over an unwieldy area of operation but will also cause inconvenience and expenditure to the registering public. These districts are self-supporting, and the saving by the proposed amalgamation is not, after all, very appreciable when compared with the revenue yielded by this Department while considering the inconvenience and hardhsip which the parties will be put to, in striving to effect this economy, the amalgamation of these districts should be avoided. Under these circumstances, I earnesly request the Government that the recommendation of the Committee should not be accepted.

Your obedient servant,

Sd:K.Ranganathan.

Personal Assistant for
Inspector General of
Registration.

4/6/48.

To A.S.

Please see the Inspctor General's letter pp1-2 ante above. The main file has been sent to Development with Revenue u.o.No.30002 J/48-2 dated 29-5-48. Its return may be awaited till 13-6-48. This will be added to the main file on receipt and dealt with.

Sd..8/6/48.

ANNEXURE A.

Statement showing the names of registration districts with their annual registrations, extent in square miles, number of villages and number of sub-registry offices in each of them.

Sl. No.	Names of registration dists.	Annual registrations.	Extent in square miles.	No. of villages.	No. of subregistry offices.
1	Anantapur	22,346	6,741	853	12
2	Bellary	22,413	5,713	908	2
3	Chittoor	31,056	5,901	,254	3
4	Cuddapah	25,590	5,919	889	11
5	Kurnool	30,530	7,837	796	18 including Banganapalli.
6	East Godavari	43,865	6,220	,920	18
7	West Godavari	37,575	2,361	~~761~~ 716	16
8	Guntur	69,482	5,757	926	26
9	Kistna	48,331	3,547	981	18
10	Nellore	23,975	7,949	,621	17
11	Vizagapatam	52,058	17,186	,547	24
12	North Arcot	80,312	4,648	,998	27
13	Cuddalore	51,875	4,208	,315	20
14	Chidambaram	48,379			18
15	Coimbatore-Nilgiris	44,045	8,067	56	18
16	Erode	31,446	Included in Coimbatore Dt		16
17	Madras-Chingleput	64,677	3,120	2,138	24
18	Madura	86,903	4,912	1,066	30
19	Nagapatam	41,260	Included in Tanjore Dt.		19
20	Palamcottah	51,312	Included in Tinnevelly Dt.		19
21	Ramnad	97,409	4,819	3,565	31
22	Salem	81,740	7,058	1,728	28
23	Tanjore	45,922	3,742	2,511	19
24	Tinnevelly	59,142	4,315	966	24
25	Trichinopoly	74,717	4,314	1,060	24
26	Calicut	79,587			
27	Palghat	54,571	5,794	1,741	24
28	Tellicherry	94,366			29
29	South Kanara	24,487	4,021	800	18

Sd. K.Ranganathan,
Per sonal Assistant for Inspector
General of Registration.

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ANNEXURE B.

Extract of para.6 from Annexure to letter No.D.o. 104-General, d/-20-4-48.

The districts of Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor, Cuddapah and Kurnool are lacking in facilities for the convenience of the public. Though these districts are no less extensive in area than several other districts they are not provided with as much of convenience as other districts are. The sub-offices in these districts are few and far between and there is only one office for every 490 square miles. Even now the registering public have to cover long distances to reach the Registrar's office (i) for filing appeals and applications under sections 72 and 73 of the Indian Registration Act, against orders of refusal passed by sub-registrars; (ii) for deposit of sealed covers containing wills; (iii) for registration of documents at headquarters under section 30(i); (iv) for adjudication of documents and (v) for registration of companies under the Indian Companies Act, 1913, and societies under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. These districts of Anantapur and Bellary were constituted as early as 1864 while the districts of Chittoor and Cuddaph were constituted in 1878. The amalgamation of these districts in 1931 and 1932 was proposed only as a temporary arrangement to get over the financial difficulties then prevailing, but it caused hardship to the registering public and resulted in sacrifice of administrative efficiecny. In this connection, I invite reference to my letter No.54/45-Off., dated 3-10-1945, in reply to Memorandum No.2807 C/45-1, Revenue, dated 15-9-1945 wherein the Government accepting the reasons for the bifurcation of these districts called for proposals and statistics therefor. On a further point raised by the Government in their Memo.No.2807 C/45-3 Revenue, dated 24-10-1945, wherein the Government accepting the reasons for the bifurcation of these districts called for proposals and statistics therefor. On a further point raised by the Government in their Memo.No.2807 C/45-6, Revenue, dated 4-1-1946, regarding the feasibility of amalgamating Cuddaph and Anantapur districts, I, in my letter No.54/55-Off., dated 7-1-1946, explained in detail why the bifurcation of these districts was necessary in the interest of efficient administration. Should these districts be amalgamated again the district charge with a wide jurisdiction will become quite unwieldy for one officer to be administered without sacrificing efficiency. In a state wherein the people at large are becoming more and more conscious of their rights with the spread of democratic ideas and ideals on the attainment of Independence, any reductionin the number of district charges will be a retrograde step which would affect prejudicially administrative efficiency and public convenience. The registering public will resent the idea of amalgamation and strongly protest against any such reduction. [wherein I stressed the need for the bifurcation of these districts and to memorandum No. 2807 C/45-3, Revenue, dated 24.10.1945.

I extract hereunder a copy of the letter dated 10-9-1945 from Diwan Bahadur Sri T.Bhujanga Rao, retired District Judge, to the Editor of "The Hindu ":--

> "There is at present a Joint Registrar of Assurances for the districts of Chittoor and Cuddapah. But his headquarters is at Chittoor. The result is that, in regard to matters within the exclusive jurisdiction of the District Registrar (such as the receipt of sealed wills entrusted for safe custody or their withdrawal, a resident of Cuddaph has to incur the trouble and expense of making a journey to Chittoor. But recently there has been a great increase in the scale of registration fees. "In some cases the amount of the fees has been raised to three or four times the amount charged 10 or 12 years ago. There seems to be therefore no longer any justification for the stringent economy, amounting now to parsimony in the system of joint Registrars for two districts with an office only in one district".

Another important consideration is that the existing number of 32 gazetted appointments gives a low percentage of the superior appointments to which 615 sub-registrars can hope to aspire. Any reduction in the number of higher appointments will have a serious effect upon the morale of the officers of the department.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

From

Sri Diwan Bahadur H.Krishnamurti,
Inspector-General of Registration,
M A D R A S.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort St.George.

No. 230-Est., dated 13th December 1948.

Sir,

Sub: Establishment - (Temporary) - Inspector of Registration Offices and staff - Retention.
Ref: G.O.Ms.No.2681, Revenue, dated 12.11.48.

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The Government have, in the G.O.read above, accorded sanction for the retention for a period of one month only from 16-11-1948 of the post of Inspector of Registration Offices and the posts of a lower division clerk and peon. As the present sanction of the posts expires on 15-12-1948, I request that I may be permitted to continue them after 15-12-1948 pending receipt of orders from Government for their permanent retention.

Yours faithfully,

Sd.K.Ranganathan,

Personal Assistant for Inspector General of Registration.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ABSTRACT.

ESTABLISHMENT - Registration Department - Inspector of Registration offices - Permanent retention - Recommendation of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee - Accepted.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.3000. Dated 15th Dec.1948.

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.2562, Revenue, dated 16-11-1946.
From the I.G.of Registration,No.164 Genl.dated 3-6-48.
G.O.Ms.No.2681, Revenue, dated 12-11-1948.
From the I.G.of Registration,No.230 Establishment dated 13-12-1948.

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O R D E R:

The Government accept the recommendation of the Madras Retrenchment and Re-organisation Committee, 1946-48 and direct the permanent retention of the post of Inspector of Registration Offices and the posts of the lower division clerk and peon whose retention was last sanctioned in G.O.No.2681, Revenue, dated 12-11-1948.

Sd.. 14/12/48.

To
The Inspector General of Registration.
The Accountant General, thro' Finance.
The Finance Department.

FD 12/6/53

By/ SUPERINTENDENT